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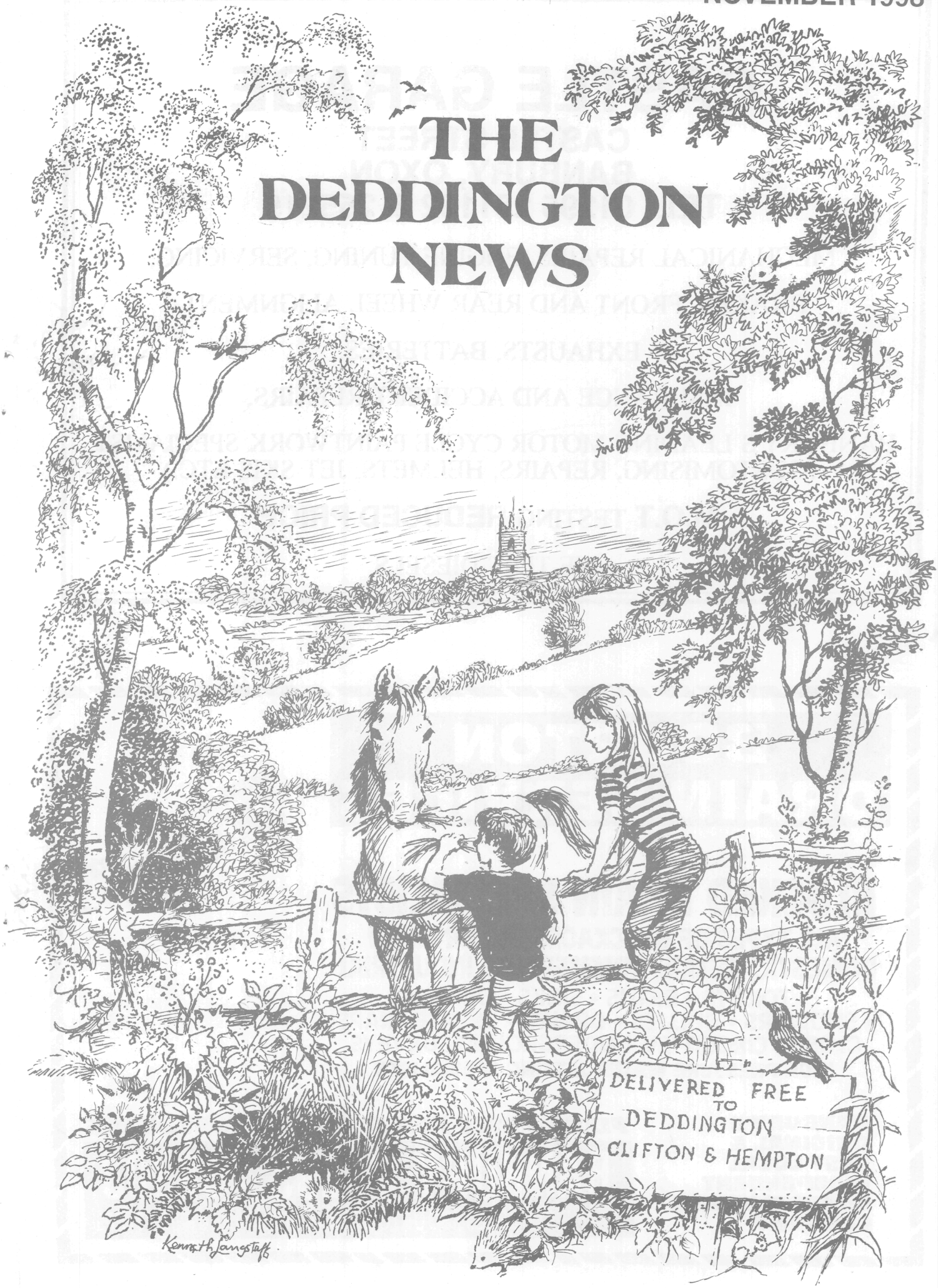

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Note of meeting on 14 October 1998

Attended by Cllrs Flux (chair), Church, Clarke, Cosgrove, Cox, Davies, Harper, Newey, Swash, Todd, the Clerk, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 7 parishioners.

10-MINUTE OPEN FORUM

Mr John Wilson, Castle End Close, Deddington, expressed concern about a planning application to extend neighbouring Castle Dene, fearing that it would be too close to his boundary, block out sunlight, utilise a wall which is in disputed ownership, and devalue his own property.

Two young men who wished to speak on an unrelated matter were refused permission, not being parishioners. They were advised to convey their observations in writing to the Clerk

LOW COST HOUSING

A planned meeting between all parties has been deferred until November. Funding is in place for all roads and sewers and the first 7 dwellings. No significant progress has been made towards starting work on the site.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Friends of Deddington Library have agreed the first book purchases, funded by the PC.
- Deddington OnLine was granted a further £175 for registration of the new Website.
- Service contract on the Clerk's fax machine will cost £10 per month.
- *Children Crossing* sign has been removed from its wrong position, but not yet installed in the right one. [EH? - NCS]

CIRCULAR WALK

All local permissions on this substantially extended walk have now been obtained and work is well advanced on the leaflet and waymarking. Cost has gone up from £3,000 to £3,900. PC will meet the difference.

STREET LIGHTING

CDC will fund half the cost of a street lamp at the junction of Hudson Court and Hudson Street. PC will seek a contribution from CDC towards a street lamp at the junction of The Paddocks and Hempton Road

PLANNING

i. *The Little House, Clifton Rd* - new carport & chimney; PC no objection. ii. *St Anne's, Clifton* - additional front window: PC no objection. iii. *Castle Dene, Deddington* - extension to rear: PC, mindful of neighbours' concern, will ask members of CDC Planning Committee to meet PC Sub-Group on site. iv. *Earls Farm, Deddington* - conversion/replacement of farm buildings to provide 6 dwellings. PC regrets the closing of a working farm, agrees that the scheme is well laid out, believes that the site would be much improved, hopes that some existing buildings will be retained, and welcomes the opportunity to improve traffic and parking conditions in Earls Lane.

CDC has approved

i. *St James' Farm, Clifton* - extensions. ii. *Grove Cottage, Deddington* - additional windows. iii. *1 Paper Mill Cottages* - barn conversion. iv. *Earls Court, Deddington* - replace flat roofed garage with pitched roof extension. v. *Deddington School* - prefab temporary classroom. vi. *Windmill Cricket Pavilion* - enlargement.

An appeal has been lodged against CDC refusal to allow part-demolition of pool building at *Greystones, Banbury Road, Deddington*, and conversion of remainder to ancillary accommodation. PC objected to original application and will re-state these objections.

MILLENNIUM

An open meeting, to discuss ideas and develop a parish-wide programme for the year 2000, will be held [at Deddington School] on Thursday 26 November, 7.30pm for 8. PC will foot the bill for wine and cheese (£50 max).

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS

Total £606,338.38, of which £500,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 7.85%; £75,000 Treasury @ 6.4375%; £7,031.67 + £14,915.43 on 14 days @ 5.12%, £2680.92 + £710.36 overnight @ 3.375%

SPECIAL TELEPHONE DEAL

Parishioners on low incomes may qualify for BT special deal - £10 connection fee and quarterly charges of £12 (incoming calls only, apart from 999 and one other number). For details, ring BT enquiry number 150.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Councillors invited to join British Legion march, Sunday 8 Nov, assembling 10.40am.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18 Nov, Town Hall, 7.30pm.

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMEN - continued (1961 to date)

1961-7	H D Hopcraft JP	1983-5	Mary Robinson	1989-90	G Fenemore
1967-71	C Fuller	1985-6	D V Ward	1990-2	B E W Mace
1971-4	R P Stevens	1986-7	R Hayward	1992-3	N R Oddy
1974-7	K Garrett	1987-8	G Fenemore	1993-5	T Clinch
1977-81	D W Welford	1988-9	J W Cole	1995-7	G Todd
1981-3	D V Ward			1997-	A F F Flux

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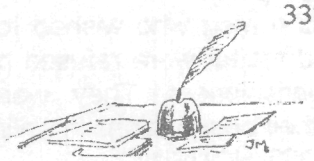

EDITORIAL

In October the new Deddington and District History Society got off to a rip-roaring start and the Environmental Extravaganza at the Windmill Centre, organised by the Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum, justified its description. In the Editor's Postbag you will find a tribute to the first fruits of the Deddington Map Group. Here we have Parish archives in the making. How fortunate that such a widely gifted group of people is involved. *Fin de siècle* cynicism dissolves in the face of so much balanced concern for the past, the present and the future.

Peter Goringe mentions in his report that his pupils are e-mailing their peers in Sweden. The DN would love to hear from these younger members of the community about their local concerns or interests. Relevant addresses, both snail-mail and e-mail, are at the top of this page.

I have been asked to remind those who plan Bonfire Night celebrations that safety is paramount and that pets can react badly to unscheduled uproar at dusk.

Finally, the several threats of armed intervention in the world this year (however 'controlled') remind us once more of why we continue to mark Remembrance Day. The red Flanders poppy is one of the century's most potent symbols.

Kristin Thompson

Fridays Coffee mornings in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 -12.
Fridays Babies and Toddlers Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am
Sundays British Legion, Bingo at 8 pm.

NOVEMBER DIARY

Mo	2	Monday Morning Club: Holly Tree, 10 am till noon.
Wed	4	Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
Wed	4	PTA: Firework Night Barbecue and Firework Display at the school, doors open 6.15pm (p.3)
Th	5	Banbury Art Society, John Cheney: The History of Printing in Banbury, St Mary's Centre, 7.30 pm.
Fr	6	British Legion: C C Disco, 8.45 pm.
Sat	7	Poppy Day Collection with Street Organ, Market place, 10 am - noon.
Sat	7	Deddington Ladies Christmas Bazaar, 2- 5 pm.
Sun	8	Remembrance Day Commemoration and Service; parade begins 10.45 am, Market Place (ps.4 & 7)
Mo	9	Youth Club: Cherwell Sports Team at The Windmill Centre, 7.30 - 9.30 pm.
Tu	10	WI: Beauty Demonstration - Boots, Mrs C Smith, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Wed	11	Friendship Club: Debate, 'How Can We Avoid Future War', The Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm (p.8)
Wed	11	Deddington History Society: R Lethbridge, Oxford Historic Churches, Parish Church, 7.30 pm. (p.7)
Sat 14/Sun 15		Waste Paper Skip in the school car park.
Sat	14	British Legion: Moosehead. (Live music), in aid of Church Restoration Appeal, 8.45 pm.
Sat	14	Deddington Brownies - Sponsored walk, run, bicylce ride 1.30 pm. (p. 7)
Wed	18	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Sat	21	Warriner Choral Concert, St. John Baptist, Bodicote, 7.30 pm. (p.5)
Mo	23	Clifton Residents' Group Meeting, Great Western Arms, 8 pm. (p. 11)
Tu	24	**COPY DATE FOR DECEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS**
Wed	25	Friendship Club: Line Dancing, The Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Th	26	Deddington Gardeners: L. Allan of Oxford Botanical Garden: Italian Gardens, Holly Tree, 7.30pm. (p.8)
Th	26	Open Millennium Group meeting, Deddington School, 7.30 pm - 9 pm. (p. 10)
Fr	27	Mobile Police Station in Market Place, 10 am - 1 pm.
Fr	27	British Legion: Galaxy Disco, 8.45 pm.
Sun	29	Advent Carols by Candlelight, concert by Choros, Parish Church, 6.30 pm. (p.3)

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November Services.

Sun 1 10.30am Family Service for All Saints (Parents and children will be very welcome. Service lasts 40mins approx. Refreshments available. NO Holy Communion.

Wed 4 10am Holy Communion. 11.15am Holy Communion at Featherton House.

Thu 5 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service.

Sun 8 Remembrance Sunday. 10.50am Ceremony at War Memorial in Churchyard Extension followed by : 11.15am Special Service in Church.

Wed 11 10am Holy Communion. 2 minutes silence to remember those who lost their lives in war.

Thu 12 3pm Holy Communion in St Anne's Home, Clifton.

Sun 15 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Wed 18 10am Holy Communion.

Sun 22 Christ the King 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP)

Wed 25 10am Holy Communion followed by Service of Healing.

Sun 29 Advent Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Wed 2 December 10am Holy Communion. **Thu 3 December** 2pm Squeals and Wheels Service.

Sun 6 December 10.30am Family Christingle Service.

November Services (St John, Hempton).

Sun 1 & 15 9am Eucharist. **Sun 22** 6pm Evensong (BCP) **Sun 6 December** 9am Eucharist

Calling Children!

1. Children's Church will meet in church for the Family Service on 1 November and for the Christingle Service on 6 December. On Remembrance Sunday, we meet in the Town Hall from 10.45am and on other Sundays in Nov. children will first meet in church and then go to the Town Hall for a story and activities.
2. Friday Fun Club for children of Deddington School every Friday in term time: 3.15 - 4pm.

Bible Study Group Meeting on Monday 9 November at 2pm in Grove Court (Mrs P. Ridd).

Confirmation The next Confirmation Service will be on Sunday 6 June (NOT 20 May) 1999. Preparation meetings will begin in the new year. The vicar would like to know the names of any adults or young people who would like to consider Confirmation as soon as possible.

November 22 10.30am. The Service of Mattins will be recorded for the BBC. Please provide us with a large congregation for this service and note that because of this, the third and fourth Sunday Services are reversed.

Alpha Course, organised jointly by the Parish churches of Deddington, the Barfords and Banbury Community Church, takes place every Wednesday evening between now and 9 December at 7.30pm at Leadenporch Farm, Deddington (off Clifton Road). Almost 60 people are attending as guests or helpers. If you would like to attend, you would be most welcome. Details from Bill Dickinson (337050).

Barford Charity Auction in aid of Barford Churches' Restoration Fund will be held in the Village Hall, Barford St Michael, on Sat 28 November at 2.30pm (viewing from 1pm). Items are sold on a 50/50 basis (50% to vendor, 50% to church). Anything over £250 entitles the vendor to a higher percentage. Free professional valuations are available and the organisers, Jane Halliday (338415) or Mariann Young (338570) would be happy to hear about items for sale.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

WEDDING: on 3 October in Deddington Church: KARL LEITELMAYER and REBECCA JANE OSBURY.

FUNERALS:

28 September in Oxford Crematorium, FRANCES MARGARET IRENE SPENGLER, aged 72 years.

13 October in Oxford Crematorium (followed by Service of Thanksgiving in Deddington Church), ANDREW MICHAEL MONTAGUE, aged 62 years.

KEN REEVES (Vicar) 338329

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Services in November: Sun 1, 8 & 15 - Pastor I. Walton. **Sun 22** - John Neale. **Sun 29** - Mike Graveney.

Pastor ISSY WALTON (337157).

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Sunday evening worship 6pm. Preachers as follows:

November Services: Sun 1 - Rev Albert Fox (Communion) **Sun 8** - Mr and Mrs Eaton (Banbury).

Sun 15 - Mr R. Dean (Banbury). **Sun 22** - Mr A. Cotton (Hethe)

Sun 29 - Mr C. Elbourne (Headington). **Sun 6 December** - Rev Albert Fox.

Historic Churches Bicycle Ride: We send our thanks to all who welcomed the riders. Riders Albert and Rita Fox, David Blakey and his family, between them raised £219. (Well done! E.T.) Rev ALBERT FOX (345339).

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Harvest Festival was a great success. There were over 300 people in Church on the Sunday and during the following week we transported over a quarter of a tonne of rice, sugar and flour to our local depot, to await transportation to Eastern Europe. The charity we are supporting, *European Children's Trust*, distributes food to families who might otherwise have to send their children to orphanages during the winter months.

I have just returned from a study visit to our 'sister school' in Sweden. Skola is in West Sweden and serves a rural community with many similarities to our own. I was struck by their very relaxed approach to education and the generous funding (our host paid all expenses). E-mail communication between the oldest children in our two schools is now a regular feature.

Our sports teams have made a good start, and are unbeaten - two wins for the netball team and two wins and a draw for the footballers.

PETER GORINGE 338430

... and from the PTA

The school vitally needs the funds which the PTA raises, so we are pleased to welcome you to our first event of the academic year. **Firework Night** is on **Wednesday, November 4th**. There will be a barbecue and bonfire at **6pm** and the show will start at **7pm**. Entrance charge is £2 per adult and £I per child (under fives free). Anyone who can supply wood for the fire (but no rusty nails) please bring it to the school on the previous Saturday, October 31st., by 11 am. Thank you.

RACHEL TEARE (SECRETARY) 337077

DEDDINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

At the AGM on Wednesday September 30th, the old committee stood down and were thanked for all their hard work and support over the past year. A new committee was elected as follows:
Amanda Munson - Chair: Kendall Tyler - Vice-chair: Ros Wallington & Cathy Milner- Joint Secretaries: Karen Murphy & Linda Robertson - Joint Treasurers: Bev Brady, Helen Butt, Nikki Preece, Amanda Mawby, Jackie Mahon, Nichola Gardner _ Committee Members.

We are holding a coffee evening on Nov. 10th, 8 pm at Pre-school. Usbourne Books will be for sale. The photographer will be here before Christmas. Look out for our posters in shops and the P.O. nearer the time. Does anyone have spare lino and wall-mounted leaflet holders ? If so, contact me as below. We are open for the following sessions: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 am - 11.30am and 12.30pm - 3pm. Wednesday, 9am- 12noon. You are welcome to visit us. For pre-school information, please 'phone me.

TRACY ROGERS 337383

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Is there anyone out there who can read music (just basic notes) ? We need you desperately to join Deddington Belles. If you would like to play the bell plates and have some fun, please get in touch with me. Thank you.

MRS. B.D. BAKER 01869 337466

Marianne Elsley is the 1998 winner of the Agnes Salter Cup for short story writing, presented by the Oxfordshire Federation of the W.I. The award was made last September in Witney, at the half-yearly meeting of the Federation. Our warmest congratulations, Marianne.(Ed.)

ART AT THE HOLLY TREE STUDIO

Michael Baker, Peggy Baker, John Cheney, Bill Dickinson, Jo Mace and Norman Stone are putting on their second exhibition at the **Holly Tree Club, Sat. 31 October - Sun. 1 November**, from **10 am. - 6pm**. The group works in all media and paints for pleasure - a pleasure that communicates itself to those who see their work.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM MRS. H.R. HALL, GAVESTON GARDENS
I should like to thank everyone who kindly supported my Coffee Morning at Gaveston Gardens in aid of the Macmillan Nurses. Over 30 people attended and £175.50p was raised. Thank you all again.

FROM RUTH JOHNSON, DANE HILL, DUNS TEW
The 10 minute Open Forum, Deddington P.C. Report in your October issue, relevant to horse manure, brought back memories of the war years which I spent in a little garrison town in Switzerland. We were very short of food. All gardens, lawns and flower beds had to be dug up and vegetables planted by Federal Edict. My Grandfather, aged over 80 and a keen vegetable gardener. delighted in the enforced transformation of my Mother's beautiful pleasure garden and used every guile to produce the best vegetables in the neighbourhood. Every day the soldiers clattered with their horse-drawn gun carriers up the hill near our house, to the shooting ranges and returned down the same road in the evening. Grandfather, a stately man, dressed in a dark suit and bowler hat, carrying a bucket and spade, could be seen most days, collecting the rich droppings from the army horses. Other neighbours soon followed his lucrative habit, but because he was the most senior and the best dressed among them, he was always allowed the best, and nearest to home, droppings. How about it, you folks in Deddington, or do we need a war ?

FROM JACKIE WILLIAMSON,WALNUT CLOSE, CLIFTON
I have a copy of every Deddington News since September 1994. It seems a shame to throw them away, but I need the drawer space. If anyone would like them, please ring me on 337128.(E-mail jayanem@aok.com)

FROM JOHN CRESSWELL, HOPCRAFT LANE, DEDDINGTON
I am taking up your offer to comment on the Churches and Chapels leaflet, produced by the Deddington Map Group and enclosed within the October issue. Unlike so many inserts in magazines nowadays which can be disregarded, this one is a gem, and well worth looking at again and again. Its presentation is elegant, the text succinct but explanatory, the illustrations delightful. All in all it condenses a wealth of information into little space.For myself, and perhaps for others, the leaflet will challenge me to look at these examples of our rich heritage with a fresh eye, seeking out features which have hitherto escaped my notice. And if, with the approach of the new Millennium, the leaflet serves to remind us of the continuing role played by our Churches and Chapels in the life of the community, that would indeed be a happy consequence.If I may say so, "Well done, Deddington Map Group".

FROM SUE MONTAGUE, THE SHIELING, HEMPTON
Sue Montague and family wish to thank everyone who is helping during this terrible time. It is comforting to know our friends are thinking of us and praying for us.

FROM SIR ALLEN MAWER, (1879 - 1942)
(It has only now come to the notice of my Shade here in Sheol (*the Kingdom of the Departed Ed.*) where Time hath no Measure, that your distinguished journal has embarked on correspondence about the word "Tchure". This was discussed in Deddington some 60 Earth Years ago.Your readers may like to see what I said then.)
"There can be but little doubt that this word tchure found in Banbury and Deddington, is the word which appears in Newcastle in more than one street name. Both alike go back to O.Eng. cierr, meaning turn. The Northern chares generally have a bit of a bend in them, but I suspect that the idea of a bend was soon lost sight of, and the term came to be used of a narrow lane generally". Signed, Allen Mawer, 19.10.1938" (*Sir Allen Mawer, Provost of University College London, 1930 until his death in 1942, was inter alia a specialist in the origins of English place names. Corr. Ed.*)

FROM TED JOHNSON, DANE HILL, DUNS TEW
I recently had correspondence with Bernard Dodwell, 83. He is the son of a very old Deddington family whose grandfather kept a butchers and bakers shop in the Market Square-end of the Tchure. His father served in the Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars throughout WW1 in France. Bernard himself served in the RASC (now Royal Logistics Corps) with the First and Eighth Armies and earned a mention in dispatches. He achieved the rank of Warrant Officer 11. In later life he was Senior Usher at Barnstaple Crown and Magistrates Court and, in 1988, was awarded the British Empire Medal. He has recently retired as Ashford (Devon) Parish Clerk - obviously not a man content to sit about. His parents, George Bernard and Mary Ann, are buried in our Churchyard.

Home to Roost ? Pat Brittain reports that this week, while at the Windmill Centre, she noticed birds fluttering in and out of the willow sculpture left behind by the crafts people from the Environmental Extravaganza. Are Deddington's birds sensitive to friendly vibes ? (*Ed.*)

CHURCH AND CHAPEL Cont.

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TRIBUTES:

ANDREW MICHAEL MONTAGUE, aged 62 years.
Andy died suddenly on 2 October. He was Managing Director of Redirack, Kilnhurst, S. Yorkshire. He and his wife, Sue, moved to Hempton ten years ago and he enjoyed travelling, gardening and living in the Oxfordshire countryside. We extend sympathy to Sue and her family. KEN REEVES.

FRANCES MARGARET IRENE SPENGLER, aged 72 years.
Rene and her husband, Harry, came to live in Deddington quite recently. A lady of dignity, courage and with a sense of adventure (paragliding and ballooning!), her passionate involvement was with her family. To her children she gave the belief that they could survive whatever life presented them with. We extend our sympathy to Harry and his family. (The Deddington News Team also send sincere sympathy to the Spengler family, and especially Jenny and David. E.T.) KEN REEVES.

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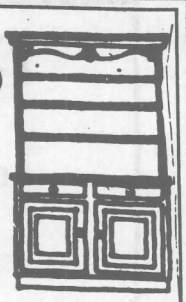

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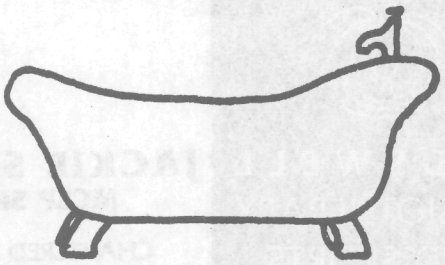

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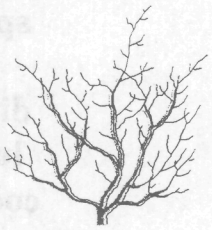

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A great start to the season sees Deddington Men's B Team showing promising form, winning against Brackley Town 6-3, Middleton 5-4 and Marlborough B 5-4. Composite 'A' lost a hard fought match against Chipping Norton 3-6. Our Pure Team produced a great first of the season, 9-0 against BGN. Membership is still open, so why not come along Tuesday and Thursday, 7-10 pm at the Windmill Centre?

MARK TYLER 01295 810732

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

In October we provided entertainment for all sections of the community. For the adults there was our supper theatre production of *Dock Brief*. For the young, the famous Little Angel Theatre wove their usual magic with the story of *The Elves and The Shoemaker*. We are extremely privileged, thanks to the sponsorship of the Cherwell DC, to have such high quality theatre here at such reasonable prices. On December 2 at 7.30 pm in the Windmill Centre the Oxfordshire Touring Company will present their version of *Don Quixote de la Mancha*. Described as a comic family romp, this entertainment is for all, from 6 to 60. Tickets cost £3.50 (children and concessions £1.75). Please come and support our venture and give yourselves an enjoyable evening. By that time we will be deep into preparations for our home-grown family entertainment, your very own village pantomime. Mark January 21 to 23 in your diary now. Full details in the December DN.

JEAN FLUX 338153

DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The Club is progressing well. The numbers have increased and the atmosphere is good. As one of the leaders is temporarily on a course, we are very short of helpers. If you are youngish and available for the occasional Monday evening please phone Fiona (01295)-710213. **WE NEED YOU !** Club evenings will continue on Mondays and not change as once suggested. The Club will be closed for half term: October 26 and November 2.

GAY BREWER 338097

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

What do we do? During recent weeks we've had a lively discussion on the environment, a very sociable meal to mark the ingathering of the Harvest, and some varied speakers. The latter included Grahame Handley, Chief Executive of the CDC, describing the work of the Council on behalf of residents in the area from Cropredy to Kidlington. We are now looking forward to George Spenceley's illustrated talk on 40 years of adventurous travel. November begins with a serious debate on war and peacekeeping, and ends with a lighthearted activity: an afternoon of line dancing. On December 9th we have a party with 'bring your own' finger food and on the 14th an outing to Holcombe Hotel for a celebration Christmas lunch. Who can come? Men and women over 55 who are ready to share an afternoon with friends once a fortnight.

CHRISTINE GILLESPIE 338367

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

At our End of Season Get-together in September we discussed a number of topics. This is what emerged: 1. There is little benefit in our Group Membership of the R.H.S. as a high proportion of Deddington Gardeners are already members and we do not use it enough. 2. We shall not reinstate our Goundry order as the company's conditions have changed. 3. I shall keep a selection of files on different aspects of gardening culled from the Society's magazine, *The Garden*. 4. The idea of putting on a Flower Show for the Millennium (in conjunction with other events) was discussed at length. If there is anyone who would like to organise one, please contact Charles Newey (338282) of the PC Millennium Working Group! And finally.....on Thurs. November 26, 7.30 pm at the Holly Tree, Louise Allen of the Oxford Botanical Garden will give a talk with slides on Italian Gardens; £1 entrance.

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

THURSDAY WINDMILL CLUB (DEDDINGTON DAY CARE)

Meetings of the Thursday Windmill Club (official name: Deddington Day Care) held at the Windmill Centre, take place every week under the competent eye of Dawn Downing. At the moment only eight or nine people attend and there is room for extra members. The day includes lunch and provides a relaxed atmosphere in which to exchange news, views and generally have a good day out. If you know of anyone who would benefit from these Thursday sessions please contact Dawn (338146) to enquire about eligibility. Transport to and from the Centre can be arranged.

KATH MORRIS 338413

THE BRAZIL CONNECTION Rogeria Fernandes from Brazil has e-mailed the DN. The Fernandes family needs a small, inexpensive, two-bedroomed property to rent in Deddington, from December 1, '98 to January 27, '99. If you can help, please contact Rogeria at: Rua Davino Pontual, 81, Torre Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil 50710 240, or e-mail her at: bigbenec@hotlink.com.br

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Please notify any last minute changes in Club programmes to both Club and Diary Editors

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

November is the most important month in our calendar. Our collectors will be out with their trays of poppies once more. Please support them in aid of the national fund raising activities.

Remembrance Day on November 8 will be commemorated in the traditional way. The march through the village starts at 10.45 am with the dedication at the War Memorial at 11 am. The church service is followed by the final march past and salute in the Market Place. Please join us in our recognition of the sacrifices made throughout this century. Geoff Todd will help by selling poppies and playing his barrel organ in the Market Place on Saturday, 7th.

The shoe will be on the other foot on Saturday, November 14 when your British Legion Club will be raising money for the church funds. John Churchill and his very popular local band *Moosehead* have kindly agreed to donate that evening to this cause. All members and their guests are invited to join the fun. We have lots of membership forms behind the bar, so join us in good time for our full programme of Christmas activities!

PHIL CHARD 338786

DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Our inaugural meeting was at the Windmill Centre on Wednesday Oct. 14. I am delighted to report that nearly 50 people attended the launch. Since we had no idea how many (or how few) would , join we had fears of being unable even to pay our speaker, but happily most of those attending signed up as founder-members. Saved from the Clink, albeit our poor treasurer, Sue Shattock, was nearly overwhelmed.

The inaugural lecture was, appropriately, given by Carl Boardman, the County Archivist who, in a sparkling performance, outlined the main sources available for research into local history. He entitled his lecture *Oxfordshire Sinners and Villains*, skilfully illustrating his serious points with tales (many scurrilous, all hilarious), culled from the archives in his care. We hope to arrange a visit for members wishing to use the archives themselves. Who knows what Deddington sinners and villains, and even perhaps the odd saint, will be revealed?

The next meeting will be on Wed. November 11 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Church. Richard Lethbridge, author of *Shell Guide to Oxfordshire*, will give an illustrated talk on The Historic Churches of Oxfordshire. There will be no charge for Society members (though we hope for a contribution!); tickets for non-members £5. Wine and other refreshments will be included. We hope this very special event will raise a substantial sum for local churches. Everyone is invited to this enjoyable evening in support of an excellent local cause.

CHRIS DAY 337204

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

1st Team results

Ruscote Sports(a)	Won 6-1	M.Hewitt(3), M.Cadd, G.Shawyer, C.Hill
Kings Sutton(h)	Won 2-1	M.Hewitt(2)
Broughton & North Newington(h) (Charity Cup)	Won 4-1	M.Hewitt(3), G.Shawyer
Chasewell Park(h) (Benevolent Cup)	Won 6-0	M.Cadd, L.Loveridge, M.Hewitt, D.Churchill, G.Shawyer(2)

A superb month for the 1st Team. On the league front things have been going very well. The team are currently in the top three in the Premier Division. Excellent progress has also been made in the Cup competitions. Michael Hewitt is currently the leading goal scorer with 9 goals.

Chasewell Park(h)	Won 3-1	M.Doggett(3)
WH Brady(a)	Lost 1-4	P.Waller
Wroxton Res(a)	Lost 0-3	

Reserve Team results

A mixed month for the Side; at least the first victory has been achieved. Otherwise the team produced two shocking performances. Mark Doggett is leading scorer with 4 goals. **STEVE PLUMBE 01295-278258**

MONDAY MORNING CLUB

After two theatre visits in October, November will be quiet, but we have two events planned for December. Instead of our usual coffee morning on Monday, December 7, we shall meet for a Christmas lunch at The North Oxford College restaurant. There is still time to sign for this at the Monday coffee morning on Nov. 2. Saturday, Dec. 5 is our fund raising drive, with the wine tasting booked with Jones of Banbury. If you like what you taste you can order your Christmas wines that evening. This event is open to the general public, tickets £10 each. The Monday Morning Club committee is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Holly Tree premises: we pay the gardener, cleaner, utility bills and rates. Income generated by the wine tasting will be used to meet these expenses or put towards improvement of the facilities, so please support our efforts.

JEAN FLUX 338153

DEDDINGTON BROWNIES

On Sat, Nov, 14, at 1.30pm. the Brownies are going on a sponsored walk, run, bike ride in aid of the Church Appeal and Down's Syndrome.

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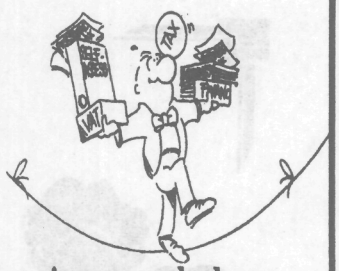

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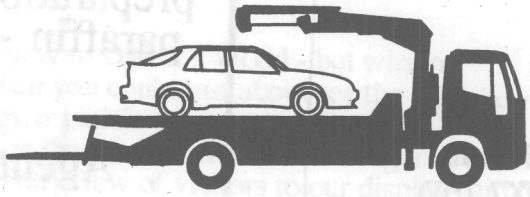

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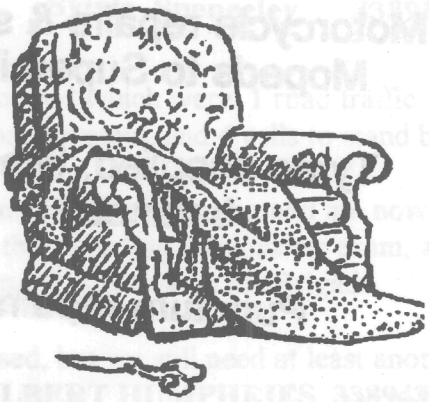

THE WAY WE WERE Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

3rd NOVEMBER - Susan was suffering so much pain that I got up at a quarter before 4 o'clock and wrote a note to Mr. Moores of Banbury begging him to come as soon as he could after receiving it from Thomas who took it, on Holford's horse. Mr. Moores came by 6 o'clock or earlier - and applied a mustard poultice on the right lobe of the liver for 20 minutes which afforded poor Susan partial relief. I read prayers for Mr. Brogden again. I dined at two o'clock, just as I had finished Mr. Brogden and his daughter came - he had a luncheon on cold roast beef and pickles - he sat an hour.

5th NOVEMBER - Mr. Moores applied 12 leeches this morning and again this evening to poor dear Susan's side, which still pains her and is most tender - he came to sleep here again. Thomas went early this morning to Banbury for leeches.

6th NOVEMBER - Susan was not much better - a blister was applied to her side from which we hope great good. Mr. Brogden called just as I had finished dinner again and had a luncheon and sat an hour.

7th NOVEMBER - Mrs. Brogden was safely delivered of a little girl, making her ninth child now living. I attended a Turnpike Meeting at The Fox for the purpose of letting the tolls between this place and Oxford.

9th NOVEMBER - I heard from the Warden of New College in answer to my letter of yesterday informing me of the permission of the College to our putting up a memorial window at Adderbury to our dearest one now in paradise. Mr. Brogden called and I walked with him up to the coach on the Oxford Road - he lunched with me when I dined at 2 o'clock - and remained till past 4 o'clock to my annoyance.

13th NOVEMBER - Susan better and came down stairs for the first time since her attack. I rode the mare to Aynho to attend a Turnpike Meeting there for the letting of our Turnpike and the Swerford Gates. I saw Sir Thomas' two famous bulls - bought from Lord Spencer. I had not been on horseback for months before.

26th NOVEMBER - I went to Aynho again and took the Duty there - and a funeral, a poor young woman who had died in childbirth. As the horses were putting to return home, from some cause or other they started off and broke the carriage and otherwise injured it - as well as well as one of themselves, poor Holford's horse was much cut on the hind leg. Thomas led the horses home, he was much frightened and annoyed at the accident, poor fellow, thank God it was not worse.

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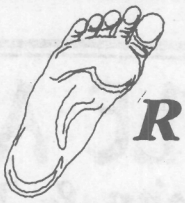

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Well, that's it. I was hoping for what is touchingly known as the 'Indian Summer' but it only boiled down to one day, not enough to produce results. So we are packing up the container stuff and hoping for better luck next year. The Nurseries will be tempting us with the winter flowering pansies. They should really be called 'winter surviving pansies' since they don't make much effort until Spring gets under way, but they look hopeful in the larger tubs. I underplant them with bright red tulips for a good show. We are renewing the perennial beds, dividing huge clumps of Osteospermum and the purple Geraniums, and getting rid of unwanted plants. How, for instance, did a large Lavatera get itself into a smallish bed? The new bed where the Bamboo died looks splendid. The little Garrya tree is producing catkins already and the climbing Hydrangea is doing what it should: climbing. The bark chips look tidy, though the birds like flinging it around on the paths. I imagine it will have to be topped up with two bags once a year.

MARIANNE ELSLEY

I pray you, fall to: if you can mock a leek you can eat a leek. Shakespeare (Henry V)

Leeks are a vegetable which, in my opinion, are so co-operative. Just dig over the soil, add any necessary nutrients, make a row of holes, (I use a rounded off spade handle) about 6" deep and 6" apart, drop in the leek plant, and fill the holes with water. The experts advise when the plant is as thick as a pencil, but mine are usually slightly thicker than a blade of grass, and this is where the co-operation begins. Apart from hoeing the ground between the rows occasionally (the experts recommend earthing up) and a drop of water if the weather is dry, the leeks very gradually grow. A drawback is the ground will be occupied by the leeks for some time, but well worth it. Braise with carrots and celery in beef stock; cut into rings and stir-fry; make leek dumplings, or leek flan. Happy eating! **THELMA DOVER**

Thanks to Thelma Dover who helped Molly Neild with several of this month's Features. (Ed.)

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The First International Conker Championship was held on Oct. 17 with entries from both children and adults. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the overall winner was Daniel (sorry, no surname) from St. John's Way. Thanks to everyone who took part and to Viv and Alan Collins who organised the event.

At the Friends of Hempton Church AGM the following people were elected to the Committee: Moira Byast, Heather Nason, Pam Dodd, Hilary Shenton, Ray Soanes, John Temple-Smith, Alan Collins and Les Chappell.

Building is now in progress on the kitchen/toilet extension and, weather permitting, should be completed by Christmas. Several people have again complained about traffic speeding through the village. Brian Cosgrove, our Parish Council member, was raising the matter at the last Council Meeting. We shall see what develops. A special welcome to newcomers to the village. We have new neighbours next to the Church and also in Old Plough Walk and The Lane.

40 members of the congregation attended the Harvest Festival. Thanks to all who donated produce, flowers and decorated the Church. Produce was sold after the service and £76 was sent to Bangladesh.

I end the column with the sad news of the sudden death of Andy Montague. He and his family moved to Hempton 10 years ago and thoroughly enjoyed living in the Oxfordshire countryside. Our condolences go to his wife, Sue, and all his family.

LES CHAPPELL 338054

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Clifton has a star in the making, in the form of young Jake Mayo from Weeping Ash who appeared on Central TV with the news that he is eating proper food for the first time. Jake, three and a half, was born with tracheo-oesophageal fistula, or TOF for short, which meant that food was unable to pass from his mouth to his stomach. Until recently he received all his nourishment in the form of paediatric milk through a feeding tube but now, just like other youngsters of his age, spaghetti is a favourite. His mum, Fiona, says that despite Jake's progress she and her husband Kevin will continue with their fund-raising efforts for TOF, the family support group and charity which is researching the condition.

Looking ahead to the Millennium, Mandy Harper (337489) wants to hear from anyone who would like to become a member of the Cemetery Gateway working group, and from anyone who has ideas for celebrating the Millennium in Clifton. The next meeting of Clifton Residents' Group is Monday 23 November at the Great Western Arms at 8pm. All welcome.

JACKIE WILLIAMSON 337128

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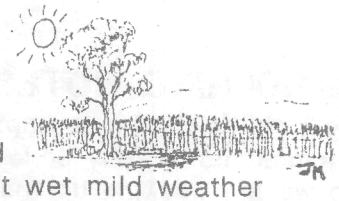

We have ploughed the fields and almost finished the scattering. At the time of writing we have some 40 acres of wheat left to drill and 40 acres of beans to plough in at the start of November. The recent wet mild weather had made life difficult for us but has been a real bonanza for the grey field slugs. They are everywhere just waiting for the grain to start sprouting. We have mixed slug pellets with the seed and may have to put some more on as the wheat comes through.

The rams were put out with the ewes on 7 October and have now settled down and seem to be enjoying life. We should see the first lambs at the end of February. The returns from the sheep enterprise are very low at the moment and look like staying so for some time. A radical rethink wil have to be undertaken which may result in the ewe flock being sold or reduced in size just to graze the wet meadow land that cannot be put under arable crops. After all, no matter what happens to farming the landlord still wants his rent. Farming has always been a high risk way of life with many natural and an increasing number of man-made hazards. It is a bit like fishing: you put your bait in the water but you never really know just what you will catch, and then you are expected to put it back. Perhaps things will be better next year - I may catch a trout and I won't put that back.

The bees are now ready for the winter with plenty of food stocks that should see them through to March when I will feed them again. It has been a poor year for honey production, due to the bad summer and the Varroa mite which has destroyed a very large number of colonies. It has now started to attack the Bumble bee population and may wipe them out as well. This will have a detrimental effect on any crops that need pollinating. We shall have to find a resistant strain of honey bee or find a better way of controlling the mite.

Reading through October's Deddington News, there seems to be a problem with manure. The PC says that poultry manure spread on farm land should be ploughed in within 24 hours and yet the Gardening Notes tell us that it makes a good mulch and should be left on the surface! The horse riders of the parish are also having trouble with manure. This too is very good for the garden, so perhaps the gardeners and the horse riders could get together and solve the problem.

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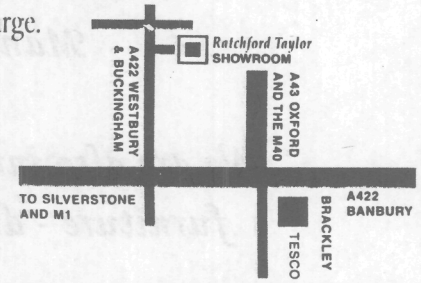

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Sat	5	Deddington Ladies Christmas Lunch for the over 60s, Holly Tree.
Sat	5	Monday Morning Club Wine Tasting at The Holly Tree, 6pm. (p.14)
Sat	5	British Legion: Sugar 7 Spice (Live music), 8.45 pm.
Mon	7	Monday Morning Club: Christmas Lunch at North Oxon College. (p.7)
Tu	8	WI: Christmas Party, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Wed	9	Youth Club: Cherwell Sports Team at The Windmill Centre, 7.30 - 9.30 pm.
Wed	9	Friendship Club: Christmas Party. (p.8)
Sat	12	Early Music, Christmas Music Concert by Ruth Guina, Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
Mon	14	Friendship Club Christmas Lunch, Holcombe Hotel. (p.8)
Wed	16	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm
Sat	19	British Legion: Christmas Junior Disco, 4.00-6.00 pm.
Sat	19	British Legion: Solo Sound 60s and 70s Disco Night, 8.45 pm.
Fr	25	British Legion: Galaxy Karaoke, 7.30 pm
Sat	26	British Legion: Red Wine (Live music), 8.45 pm.
Sat	31	British legion: The Small Print (Live music), 8.45 pm.

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THEATRE-GOERS HAVE MORE FUN. John Mortimer's *Dock Brief* formed the centre of The Deddington Players' October Social Evening. After a light supper, the audience sat at ease round the 'stage' while Morganhall, the barrister, failed to construct a valid defence for Fowle, who had murdered his excruciating wife. Mortimer's short play is vivid, witty and intelligent and has much to say about the strategies we employ to cope with failure and despair. Jim Flux as Morganhall and Nik Lester as Fowle caught the vulnerable humanity of their two very different characters and the audience felt, as Mortimer surely intended, an affectionate pleasure when they muddled through to success. Clare Lester directed, Ruth Jonhson, Jo Mace, Olivia Minnear, Angela Stone, Martin and Lucy Squires provided refreshment, Jim Flux and Robin Harrison handled the lighting and Jean Flux was FOH. More people should have set their videos, braved the storms and reminded themselves of the pleasure of live theatre. (Ed.)

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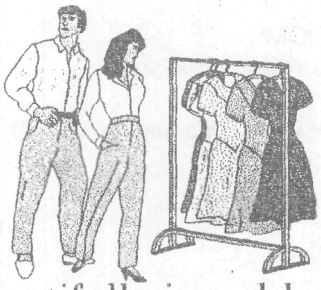

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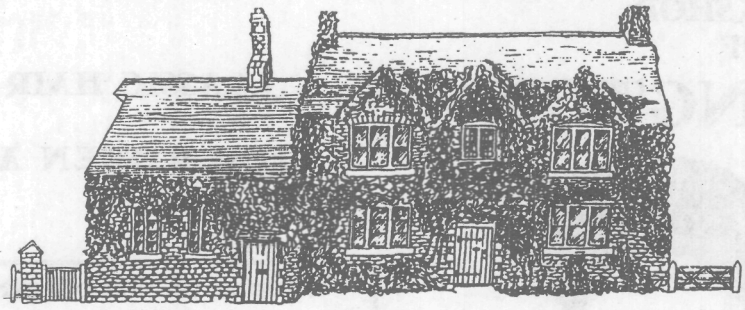

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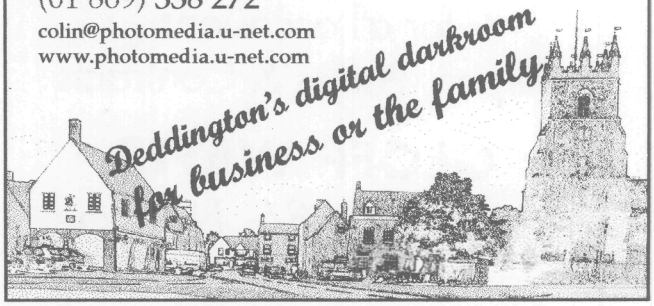

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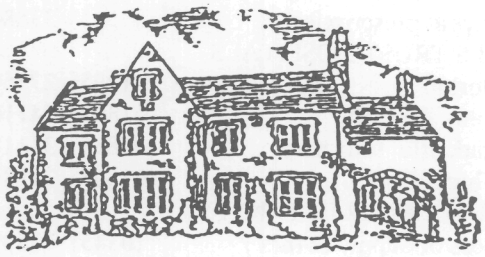

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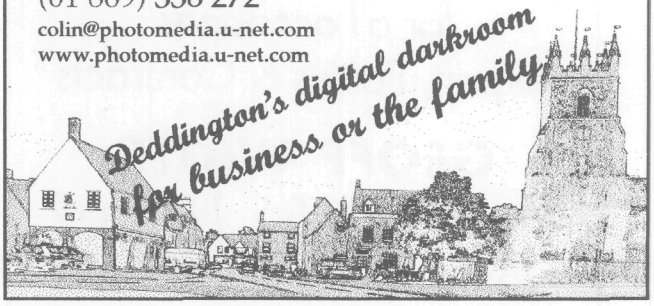

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